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I am not a developer, nor an interested party. I am a systems administrator working with MS's products daily. I have watched this company's tactics worsen with each passing year.

Please do not let them off with just a slap on the wrists again. This is one company that has proven time and again their intention to do whatever they want in pursuit of total dominance of the industry.

Please, break the OS away from the applications groups.

Leave IE with the OS if you have to, the problem isn't IE, the core problem is that Microsoft writes everything, the operating system, the development tools, and the office applications. They have a vertical monopoly that they abuse to stifle innovation, crush competition, and dominate every market, no mater how small.

If only you had broken the OS and development tools away from the applications division years ago when you had the chance.

Please, do something significant to them. Jim Baxter